

REPORT TO THE  
TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
STATE OF HAWAII  
2002

ACT 25 (S.B. 2877, S.D. 1),  
SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2000

REQUESTING PROCESS AND OUTCOME EVALUATIONS BY AN  
INDEPENDENT EVALUATOR OF NEW TREATMENT OR SERVICE PROGRAMS,  
EMPLOYED BY THE CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION  
TO SERVE EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED CHILDREN  
AND ADOLESCENTS

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## INTRODUCTION

This report was requested by the Hawaii State Legislature during its 2000 Session through ACT 25 (H.B. 2877, S.D. 1). It required “Provided that of the sums appropriated in Sections 3, 4, and 5 of this Act for the child and adolescent mental health division (HTH 460), a minimum of ten per cent of the funds to be expended for any new treatment or service programs shall be expended by the department of health for the purpose of conducting process and outcome evaluations of these programs; provided further that:

- (1) These process and outcome evaluations shall be conducted for the department of health by an independent evaluator;
- (2) The department of health shall submit reports of these process and outcome evaluations:
  - (A) To the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2002; and
  - (B) To the auditor, at any time, upon the request of the auditor; and
- (3) The auditor shall monitor the conduct of these process and outcome evaluations and report its findings and recommendations to the legislature or the department of health, or both, whenever or as deemed necessary.”

## ISSUES

In November 2001, the Child Services Research Group (CSRG) at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) began evaluation of MultiSystemic Therapy (MST) implementation in Hawaii. In December, CSRG provided their report, *EVALUATION OF TWO THERAPEUTIC PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS AND THEIR FAMILIES: HOME-BASED MULTISYSTEMIC THERAPY (MST) AND THE MST CONTINUUM OF CARE*, to the Department of Health, for submission to the legislature. The CSRG report is provided in the enclosure.